

THE TRANSFORMERS

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Based on the original cartoon series, The Transformers:
ReAnimated bridges the gap between the seminal second season and the 1986 Movie
that defined the childhood of millions.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: The planet Cybertron - over 4 million years ago.

EXT. View of Cybertron in space.

NOTE: Text passage

"Cybertron is a metallic world inhabited by living robotic beings. Because of their ability to change their form and take the shape of different vehicles, weapons and other objects... they are also called Transformers.

The conflict between the Autobots and the Decepticons, who were descended from the ancient worker and warrior lines of Cybertron, had by now been going on for 5 million years. Over time the war had drained the metal-planet of it's once vast energy resources.

And both sides were planning to reach out to other planets for new sources of energy."

PANEL 2:

EXT. The large dome-shaped Autobot main-base of Iacon.

Captioned: It is now only a few weeks before the mission of the Autobots spaceship called The Ark would start on it's exploration mission. The construction of the ship is already in it's last phase, hidden below the Autobot Headquarter in the Sector Iacon.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - In this moment, far above in orbit of the planet, something appears. It is an distortion in space, looking like a blue shimmering circle.

Captioned: It is a rift in the structure of time and space itself. Nearly instantly, sensors on the surface, belonging to both Autobots and Decepticons are detecting the anomaly... and scan it, hoping it could maybe be a new source of energy.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: Autobot Headquarter

INT. Inside the Autobot base, their Leader Optimus Prime was standing in the middle of the control room...

... with the Autobots Ironhide, Jazz and Trailbreaker sitting before him at the consoles.

Optimus

Do you get anything Jazz?

Jazz

Not much Prime, except that it is clearly some sort of distortion in space-time.

PANEL 5:

CAPTION: Decepticon Headquarter

WIDE SHOT - It is a similar picture with the Decepticon Leader Megatron, who was sitting on his chair in the command-room, with his Second in Command Starscream and Shockwave standing next to him...

... and the Communication Officer Soundwave and the Seekers Skywarp and Thundercracker sitting at the consoles before them.

Megatron

Do you have anything Soundwave?

Soundwave

Strong emissions of gravital and chronotic energy. Source unknown.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT - A small light blue shimmering sphere made of energy flying freely in space.

Captioned: The anomaly disappears after a few minutes. But something has come out of it.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Sector Iacon - 1 week later, the underground tunnels of Cybertron

CLOSE SHOT - A large armored, mostly blue and white colored, vehicle is driving through the tunnel that is leading to the center of the Sector Iacon, the Capital of the Autobots.

PANEL 3:

HIGH-SHOT - The vehicle is coming out of the underground tunnel, returning to the surface.

It is now driving on the highway-ramp that leads directly to the Autobot Headquarter. The large dome is visible before the horizon.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: Autobot Headquarter, main entrance

WIDE SHOT - The two Autobots Hound and Mirage are currently on guard duty, standing at the entrance of the base.

As they are getting a surprising visitor.

The vehicle arrives before them... and transforms into robot-mode.

It is Ultra Magnus.

PANEL 5:

Both of them are surprised to see the other Autobot arriving.

Hound

Ultra Magnus?

Ultra Magnus

Hound, Mirage - It is good to see you two again.

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Hound

I thought you are supposed to be at a mission at the Vilnacron border?

Ultra Magnus

I am. But something has happened. I have to talk to Optimus Prime. Or to Prowl if Prime is unavailable. It is a matter of security.

PANEL 2:

Mirage

Well, Prime is actually busy right now. Something about an anomaly that has appeared in orbit.

Ultra Magnus

I thought so... Then call someone to bring me to Prowl.

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: A few minutes later

INT. Bumblebee is leading Ultra Magnus inside, through the corridors of the base right to Prowl's office.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT - They have just arrived. Bumblebee is opening the door to Prowl's office with Magnus standing behind him.

Bumblebee

Prowl - Ultra Magnus has just arrived. He says he has some information he needs to talk with you about.

Prowl

(Off panel)

Alright. Come in.

PANEL 5:

TWO SHOT - Ultra Magnus looks at Bumblebee.

Ultra Magnus

Alone.

PANEL 6:

Bumblebee just raises his hands in a 'whatever' gesture.

Bumblebee

Alright, I will just go back to my post.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE-SHOT - Bumblebee is walking out of the room, while Prowl and Ultra Magnus are looking at each other.

PANEL 2:

CLOSE-SHOT on Prowl.

Prowl

So? What is so important that you break up your mission suddenly show up here unannounced?

PANEL 3:

Ultra Magnus

We have an infiltrater. In fact someone is impersonating an high-ranked Autobot.

Prowl

Alright. Who?

PANEL 4:

CLOSE-SHOT - Magnus smiles.

It is a smile so completely unlike him. Malicious, arrogant... triumphant?

Ultra Magnus

Me.

Prowl

(thinking)

This is not Ultra Magnus voice. It is high-pitched and sounds more like...

PANEL 5:

CLOSE-SHOT - But before Prowl can even react, 'Magnus' has grabbed him by the throat, lifts him up...

PANEL 6:

WIDE-SHOT - ... and smashes his face hard into the wall.

Prowl is knocked out.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE-SHOT - 'Ultra Magnus' is looking down at him... and Starscream's transparent shape is lighting up from his body, overlapping with it.

Ultra Magnus (Starscream)

You know, I would really like to kill you now Prowl. But we both know laserfire would most likely be detected inside here.

PANEL 2:

Starscream (Cont.)

I bet there are sensors everywhere here. And doing it with my bare hands would be, well - messy and cost time.

So I guess you will just have to die with everyone else here. Not that I mind Scavenger having the honor... but for my future you all have to die today.

PANEL 3:

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream/Ultra Magnus takes out an object that he had been carrying inside Magnus body and checks it.

It is a not very big, but quite dangerous device. And it is working perfectly. Very good.

Starscream remembers, what happened and how he came here to this time.

PANEL 4:

NOTE: Flashback scenes from memory.

CAPTION: The future...

WIDE-SHOT - Starscream is flying uncontrollable through space in Cybertron's orbit.

Captioned: He tries to bring his movement under control. He tries to transform. But his new body is already damaged by the explosion that send him here.

PANEL 5:

He comes flying across Galvatron, with Cyclonus, Scourge and one Sweep next to him.

Galvatron

it's Starscream, blast him!

Cyclonus

But he's a ghost.

Captioned: Having a new body, he isn't exactly a ghost anymore at that point. But the Decepticons don't know that.

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PANEL 1:

Captioned: Despite that they open fire on him. They are shooting his new body, destroying vital systems beyond repair and 'killing' him once more right again.

Galvatron

(shouting)

Die you worthless...

PANEL 2:

CLOSE-SHOT - Starscream is continuing to fly through space, visibly damaged and still unable to move.

His optics turn dark.

PANEL 3:

His motionless body continues to fly through space... non functional - dead.

While his mind - his spark - separates from it. Becoming a 'ghost' once more.

Captioned: He had reactivated Unicron and made a deal with him in exchange for a new body (putting Cybertron and eventually the entire universe in danger) only to betray Unicron in the last second. And after all that his new body had been destroyed only minutes afterwards.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE-SHOT - Starscream's bodiless spark flying in space

Captioned: After drifting aimlessly for a long time.

PANEL 5:

EXT. He finally comes across one of the ships that are moving between Cybertron and other planets.

PANEL 6:

INT. Inside the ship

WIDE-SHOT - Starscream in his ghost-form standing right next to the human crew without them noticing.

Captioned: Since the crew is human, he can not possess them. But he can watch and listen. He finds out that nearly a year had passed.

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CLOSE-SHOT on 'Ghost' Starscream's face smiling.

Captioned: During this time however he has come to an realization. He had been killed twice now... but he was still there. He was not just a ghost as he had first thought. No - he was immortal - indestructable. Yes, he was the closest thing to a god.

PANEL 2:

EXT. View of the re-energized golden glowing Cybertron

Captioned: Starscream had been surprised when he heard that somehow Cybertron's energy resources had been restored and that Galvatron and most of the other Decepticons were gone missing somewhere in space.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - scene of Autobots celebrating on the surface

Captioned: They called it Cybertron's Second Golden Age. For Starscream, he could not care less, except that the new energy made the Autobots stronger. So to him it was a bad thing.

PANEL 4:

CLOSE SHOT of Starscream possessing a random mechanoid.

Captioned: In the following years Starscream continued on. Moving from one body to the other.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - a burning city on a random planet.

Captioned: He caused chaos and destruction where ever he went. Often without anybody even finding out that it was him.

PANEL 6:

CAPTION: Until he found out about the transwarp-technology and finally came across the time-rift.

Starscream's spark floating next to the rift in space and time...

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Orbit of Cybertron 4 million years ago.

... and coming out in space over Cybertron 4 million years earlier.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Surface of Cybertron, somewhere in the Sector Vilnacron

CLOSE SHOT - Possessing a silver and brown colored Seeker of the same body-type as Starscream himself.

Captioned: ...and possessess one of the first Transformers he came across. The leader of a low ranked trio of Seekers named Airbound.

PANEL 3:

Scene of Airbound (Starscream) building the device shown in Ultra Magnus hand before.

Captioned: Unimportant, but still a Decepticon officer. So he had access to a few resources.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: A few days later the device is finished.

INT. Inside the local Decepticon outpost Starscream is trying to convince 'his' two wingmates - a red-brown and an orange colored Seeker - to go to an unauthorized trip to the border of the Autobot territory.

Airbound (Starscream)

I tell you, we should go and take on some Autobots. We've been sitting around here far too long.

Captioned: The reaction of these wingmates - whose names as he had learned by now were ironically Skycracker (red-brown) and Thunderbolt (orange) - was less enthusiastic as he had hoped for.

PANEL 5:

Skycracker

But we have no order to do that.

Thunderbolt

Yes - I don't want to get into any trouble.

Airbound (Starscream)

We will not get into trouble if we succeed. If we just kill a few Autobots - maybe even someone important - we will be rewarded. We can even get the attention of Megatron himself.

PANEL 6:

NOTE: TEXT PANEL

"Honestly Thunderbolt and Skycracker (or Skywarp and Thundercracker for poor people, as Starscream secretly called them) were a joke. Their entire existence seemed to spin around showing as little initiative as possible when they are **on** duty and drowning themselves in high-grade energon when they are not. And hoping to stumble over some lucky shot to impress their superiors. But without any of the intelligence or common sense to actually achieve this.

Starscream admits he never really understood how well he was off with his old wingmates, until he got stuck with this two idiots for a week."

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PANEL 1:

Thunderbolt

Yeah - let us do it.

Skycracker

Alright.

Captioned: But exactly their stupidity also makes them easy to manipulate.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: A short time later, Vilnacron border... Starscream can BARELY BELIEVE HIS OWN LUCK.

WIDE SHOT - A group of Autobots is patrolling the area, walking with drawn guns. On the left a grey colored construction bot called Chromeflex, the two on the right are a light blue and a red Autobot with some kind of vehicle alt-modes named Highroad and Gearshift.

... and the one in the middle - Ultra Magnus. Him, here?

PANEL 3:

HIGH SHOT - From the top of a building, Airbound (Starscream), Thunderbolt and Skycracker are looking down at them.

Airbound (Starscream)

Attack.

PANEL 4:

Skycracker

But we are outnumbered. And the guy in the middle looks like Ultra Magnus. We will get killed.

Starscream

(thinking)

Of course you will, you idiot. That is part of the plan. Removing some loose ends.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - Airbound (Starscream) points his guns at his 'wingmates'.

Airbound (Starscream)

I said attack. Or I will kill you myself.

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PANEL 1:

The group around Ultra Magnus is suddenly under attack. Laserblasts are hitting the ground around them.

Two typical three-angled Seeker jets are flying in on them.

Ultra Magnus

Decepticons.

PANEL 2:

LOW ANGLE - Magnus and the others are aiming their weapons and open fire up at the Seekers.

They fire at least a half dozen blasts into Thunderbolt, what causes the orange Seeker to blow up into shrapnell...

... and Skycracker, who was close behind him and also took a few hits to crash in a close distance to them.

PANEL 3:

Chromeflex

Attacking a stronger enemy frontally like this? Who are this idiots?

Gearshift

No idea. Never saw this Cons before.

PANEL 4:

HIGH ANGLE - Airbound (Starscream) however used this chance. He had used his two `wingmates' as cover, flew a curve and was now attacking them from a different angle. He fires.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - One of his missiles hits Highroad right into the face and blows up his head.

Airbound (Starscream)

(laughing loud)

Ah ha ha ha ha.

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PANEL 1:

CLOSE SHOT, LOW ANGLE - The Autobots fire at him now. In opposite to Skycracker and Thunderbolt however Starscream is able to avoid at some of the blasts.

One shot however hits and blasts off a part of his wing.

Airbound (Starscream)

Damn it - this body is a piece of scrap.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - Airbound (Starscream) transforms into robot mode and lowers down to the ground in some distance to the Autobots, who instantly point their weapons at him.

At the same time however the crashed Skycracker has come up again and is firing at the Autobots from the other side.

He hits Chromeflex in the back twice...

PANEL 3:

... causing something inside him to explode and him falling down dead.

Skycracker

Ha - I Have killed him! I have actually killed an Autobot...

But Ultra Magnus has already turned and shoots Skycracker clean through his chest, killing him instantly.

While Airbound (Starscream) and Gearshift are firing at each other.

PANEL 4:

In this moment Starscream is leaving Airbound's body.

Airbound

What? Where am I? No...!

And just in the same moment Ultra Magnus and the remaining other Autobot Gearshift fire their weapons and shoot Airbound.

PANEL 5:

And a moment later Starscream is possessing Ultra Magnus.

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PANEL 1:

TWO SHOT - Gearshift sees that Magnus has his weapon pointed at him.

Gearshift

Ultra Magnus?

'Ultra Magnus' fires and practically blows off his head.

Ultra Magnus (Starscream)

Nice firepower. If it wouldn't feel so strange possessing an Autobot, I might keep this body.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - He looks at the dead Autobots and Decepticons around him.

Captioned: Inside a part of Ultra Magnus mind that is still halfway conscious is thinking in horror: 'What have I done?'... before it shuts down as well.

PANEL 3:

HIGH SHOT - Ultra Magnus (Starscream) is retrieving the device, that he had built during the last days and he had hidden close by during the fight.

PANEL 4:

NOTE: Flashback End

CAPTION: Now

CLOSE SHOT - The same device he is holding in his hand right now - a bomb.

Captioned: A single bomb that will change the entire future.

PANEL 5:

Ultra Magnus (Starscream) is walking out of Prowl's office as if nothing happened. He is heading to the center of the base, where he knows the Ark is being build.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: A few minutes later he enters the hangar at the lowest level.

HIGH SHOT - Ultra Magnus (Starscream) enters the construction-site.

He sees the still unfinished spaceship that fills most of the hollowed out interior of the base and reched upwards over several levels right up to the roof.

PANEL 2:

WIDE SHOT - In front of him Wheeljack and Ratchet are working on the engines.

PANEL 3:

They turn around to greet him... and he opens fire on them.

He hits Wheeljack in the shoulder and Ratchet in the side of his chest.

Wheeljack

Wha...?

PANEL 4:

The two damaged Autobots are lying on the ground next to him, but Starscream does not pay much attention to them.

Ratchet

What do you think you're doing?

PANEL 5:

Magnus (Starscream) walks forward and attaches his device on the wall right next to the engines of the Ark, right at the powerlines.

Ultra Magnus (Starscream)

(in real voice)

Don't worry - soon everything will be over.

Wheeljack

This voice.

Captioned: The device will draw energy from the power-core of the base until it overloads. It will not only destroy the Ark, but the entire base and the surrounding area. This should take only around five minutes.

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PANEL 1:

CAPTION: Prowl's office

WIDE SHOT - Prowl regaining conscious and pushing a button on the wall close to the door, activating the alarm.

PANEL 2:

CAPTION: Less than three minutes later.

WIDE SHOT - Optimus Prime, Prowl, Ironhide, Bumblebee, Hound and Mirage are running into the construction-hangar.

They see Ultra Magnus standing close to the Ark's engines with the injured Wheeljack and Ratchet lying before him.

Optimus

What in the world?

Wheeljack

Prime - that is not Ultra Magnus.

Ratchet

And he has placed some kind of bomb on the power-lines.

PANEL 3:

Ultra Magnus (Starscream)

It is too late Optimus Prime.

Ironhide

Starscream?

Ultra Magnus (Starscream)

Not quite Ironbrain. At least not the one you know.

PANEL 4:

Optimus

Whoever you are, Release Ultra Magnus.

Ultra Magnus (Starscream)

Never - you will all be dead within minutes.

Captioned: But at the same time, Ultra Magnus consciousness was waking up again.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT - Ultra Magnus holding his own head (with his gun in one of his hands) obviously fighting whatever was possessing him.

And the other Autobots watching.

Ultra Magnus

No!

Starscream

You can not fight me. Your body belongs to me.

Ultra Magnus

NEVER!

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PANEL 1:

NOTE: Flashback

CAPTION: For a moment Ultra Magnus sees something in his mind, a vision or maybe a memory.

WIDE SHOT - Magnus finds 'himself' at an unknown place.

At one side to him he sees a strange anomaly in the air.

At the other side are TWO tall purple colored Decepticons.

The first one has a three-spiked helmet and a large cannon mounted on his right arm (similar to Megatron). The other decepticon obviously has some kind of jet alt-mode and two large spikes on his head.

Ultra Magnus can however not recall their names.

Galvatron

The time-rift. Stop it.

PANEL 2:

Cyclonus

What are you doing? You could destroy us all.

Captioned: "Yes - exactly - aha ha ha," Magnus heard 'himself' replying and laughing manically.

PANEL 3:

NOTE: Flashback end.

CAPTION: In the 'present'

CLOSE SHOT - Ultra Magnus is struggling for control.

Ultra Magnus

No.

He turns his weapon around and points it at himself...

PANEL 4:

... and fires. Ultra Magnus falls down.

The other Autobots watch in shock how something that looks like an disembodied spark leaves his body...

PANEL 5:

... and disappears through the walls of the building.

PANEL 6:

WIDE SHOT - Then they are running forward, some to help him, other to remove the device that the being that had controlled him had planted.

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PANEL 1:

Bumblebee is holding the bomb in his hands.

Bumblebee

I have it.

Ultra Magnus

(lying on the ground)

Give - give it to me. I know how to deactivate it.

PANEL 2:

Bumblebee reaches out to Magnus, but then hesitates for a moment.

Bumblebee

Can we be sure you are not still...?

Optimus

Do it.

Bumblebee

Okay.

Panel 3:

CLOSE SHOT - Magnus pushes a few buttons on the bomb and the lights on it go out.

Ultra Magnus

What have I done?

Optimus

You have saved us all. If you had not resisted whatever this thing was, we might have all died. All Autobots own their thanks to you.

He says to the injured and downridden looking Ultra Magnus.

PANEL 4:

Ironhide

Yes - nobody of us will blame you for what this thing made you do.

Wheeljack

(lying a few meters away from Magnus)

You can say that.

PANEL 5:

Optimus

Ironhide, Prowl, Hound, Mirage, Bumblebee - see that everyone is getting repaired. And afterwards make sure that a warning is send to all Autobots about a creature that can possess Transformers, possibly connected to the Decepticons.

Ironhide

Yes Optimus.

Prowl

Yes Prime.

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Panel 1:

EXT. Starscream's spark is flying above the Decepticon Headquarter.

Captioned: Starscream is furious. Twarted once again by these mortals. But he has one other contingency plan - if you could call it that.

PANEL 2:

INT. In Megatron's office Skywarp is in this moment reporting to him about the death of three certain Seekers.

Skywarp

So it looks like Airbound, Skycracker and Thunderbolt have gone hunting for some Autobots and got themselves killed. We have a recording of their group-leader riling them up to do it. He said that they wanted to gain, well... **your** attention.

We found them next to the corpses of three Autobots.

Megatron

(annoyed)

I see.

PANEL 3:

WIDE SHOT - Megatron stands up and turns his back to Skywarp.

Megatron

Well - they **certainly** managed to do that. This FOOLS. At least they managed to achieve SOMETHING before they removed THEMSELVES from our ranks with their stupidity.

In this moment behind him Starscream is possessing Skywarp.

PANEL 4:

He is getting his weapons ready.

Captioned: THIS will not rid him of the Autobots, but at least he will FINALLY take over the Decepticons. He will finally get what should have been HIS the entire time. And the ever loyal Skywarp will get the blame.

PANEL 5:

Skywarp (Starscream) is taking aim at Megatron's back.

Captioned: He will simply TAKE OVER his younger self and GUIDE him to victory. Megatron had once shown him that a single shot from a Seeker weapon can not kill him (Starscream's Brigade). So he will shoot MORE THAN ONCE.

PANEL 6:

But suddenly...

CLOSE SHOT - Starscream feels how he is from one moment to the other THROWN OUT of Skywarp's body by an invisible force.

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PANEL 1:

As Starscream turns back, it is to him as if ANOTHER BEING is looking at him through Skywarp's body.

A being that seems to have no physical form and seems to consist of pure energy.

Then it separates from Skywarp and is taking shape in front of him.

Captioned: A being like himself? IMPOSSIBLE.

PANEL 2:

As the being has halfway taken form, he recognizes him.

Starscream

Cyclonus!?

Cyclonus

(bodiless form)

You can say that Starscream - 'Sorry', but we can not let you ruin the ENTIRE FUTURE.

Captioned: A being like him - yes. But powerful - much more powerful than himself.

PANEL 3:

Starscream's spark is in full speed quickly flying out of the room and out of the base as fast as he can.

Captioned: Starscream can sense the immense energy radiating from this creature in every fiber of his being. HOW? WHY? this questions cross his mind for a moment. But they don't TRULY matter to him. His priority is one thing, getting away from here, FLEEING FOR HIS VERY EXISTENCE.

PANEL 4:

TWO SHOT - Megatron standing before Skywarp.

Megatron

(annoyed)

Skywarp, SKYWARP!

Skywarp

Yes?

Megatron

What is wrong with you? You have just been standing there without responding.

PANEL 5:

Skywarp

Sorry - I can not remember anything. Maybe I should have my systems checked.

Megatron

Do that.

Panel 6:

EXT. Starscream's spark is meanwhile flying out of the outside walls of the Decepticon base into the open.

Captioned: But if Starscream thinks he was flying in terror before, it is nothing compared to NOW...

The figure of Galvatron appears in front of him.

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PANEL 1:

WIDE SHOT - Starscream has turned into his 'ghost' form in front of Galvatron.

While Galvatron's appearance flickers for a moment into Megatron, then back into Galvatron. Like Cyclonus a formless being like himself now.

Starscream

NO! Impossible. How? Why?

PANEL 2:

Something that looks like tentacles made of pure energy were growing out of Galvatron's form and wringing themselves around Starscream.

Galvatron

Lets say someone made us an offer, who wanted to stop you and let us take this form. We of course accepted gladly.

Starscream

Arhhh! (howling in pain)

Captioned: It was causing pain to his ghost-form, something that Starscream had thought completely impossible, as he felt his very life-energy drawn away from him.

PANEL 3:

Starscream somehow rippes himself away from the tentacles and flees in pure panic towards the sky.

Captioned: He senses something. The time-rift has opened again. He does not care how or why. Just to get away from here.

PANEL 4:

WIDE SHOT – After a few minutes he flew through the time-rift once again and is gone. And the rift closes behind him.

PANEL 5:

WIDE SHOT – On the ground the incorporal Galvatron and Cyclonus meet with someone else. Before them were the equally incorporal forms of Ultra Magnus and Hotrod.

Cyclonus

Thank you for letting **us** deal with him.

Galvatron

Did your manipulations on the time-rift work?

PANEL 6:

Ultra Magnus

Yes they did. But I still don't understand why HE insisted on sending Starscream somewhere else instead of stopping him for good.

Hotrod

HE said that it needed to happen to stabilize space-time. That Starscream has his role to play.

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PANEL 1:

Galvatron

Whatever. I will not complain as long as our time is saved and WE have gotten rid of him for good.

Hotrod

And – how is saving the universe, instead of trying to conquer it?

Neither Cyclonus or Galvatron responded.

Cyclonus

So I guess this means our own time is saved?

PANEL 2:

Hotrod

We will know for sure when we return home and to our bodies.

Galvatron

will We have worked together this time. But that does NOT mean there be PEACE from now on, remember that Autobots.

Ultra Magnus

You say that EVERY time, don't you?

PANEL 3:

CAPTION: Earth, the year 1984 - Mount St Helen, the burried Ark.

EXT. Outside view of the vulcano.

Captioned: An eruption reactivates the systems of Teletran One - the main computer of the buried Ark and awakens BOTH Autobots and Decepticons.

It also frees the large engines, that had been hidden beneath the rock for millions of years and at the same time opens a way inside and out.

PANEL 4:

CAPTION: The war between the Autobots and Decepticons continued on Earth

WIDE SHOT - Optimus Prime and Megatron fighting on SHERMAN DAM.

PANEL 5:

EXT.

CAPTION: In the year 1986 US President Ronald Reagan holds a speech about the alliance between humans and Autobots and an agreement to share their technology.

WIDE SHOT of the President speaking in front of a large number of journalists. (SCENE FROM ORIGINAL REANIMATED ISSUE 1)

Captioned: The future is beginning.

PANEL 6:

CAPTION: Somewhere else...

WIDE SHOT - Starscream's spark is drifting over the storm-filled sky of an unknown planet.

Captioned: Where was he? This is not Cybertron and could not be Earth or any other planet Starscream knew of. There are TWO MOONS in the sky... and deposits of high-level energon everywhere in a form he has never seen before.

He is in an unknown space and time – by what he knows about the time-rift, he might not even be in the same universe anymore. But he knows one thing... he was not alone.

There were other beings not too far away from him.

Thank you for reading.

As a time-travel story mostly set in the past, Issue 0 plays before the rest of the ReAnimated X stories, BEFORE the original Transformers REANIMATED stories and even before the original series.

It is also INTENTIONALLY not completely clear if the future seen in ReAnimated X is the ACTUAL future of TRANSFORMERS REANIMATED or an alternate (changed) future.

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The ending scene shows of course Starscream's arrival in Beast Wars.

SHORT NOTE: Beast Wars is (in opposite to what many people think) officially stated to NOT take place in the same continuity as the G1 cartoon. But in one of the many other G1 continuities (universes).

One that is based partly on BOTH the cartoon and the comics.